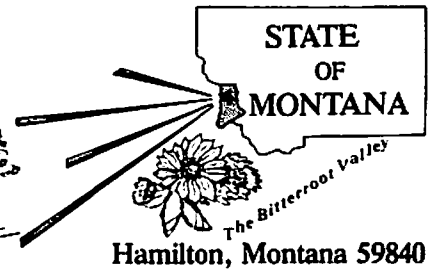
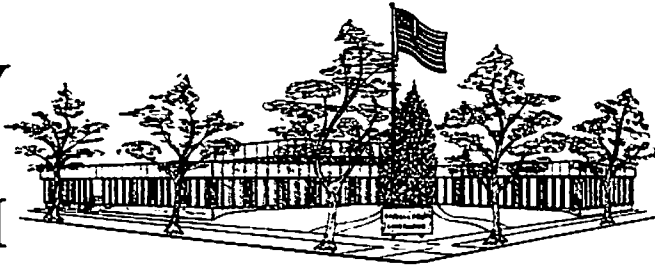


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RE: Letter of Support for Repair of West Fork Road Slide

Dear Ms. Straehl;

Please allow this letter to serve as our support for repair of the slide on the West Fork Road. Due to the location of the slide, road closure has created a hardship on the residents in the area as well as the local school buses. Emergency services are also disrupted due to the detour.

As the State of Montana encourages visitors; West Fork Road serves as an important 'gateway' for recreational activities located in the western part of our county, which in turn helps the local business economy.

If we can be of further assistance please feel free to contact us at the above number.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Absent
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Alan Thompson
Alan Thompson, Member

Howard W. Lyons
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